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RESOLUTION ON MIGRATORY LABOR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA)

REF: (A) GENEVA 11755; (B) STATE 194455

1. THIS TELEGRAM SUPPLEMENTS REFTEL A.
2. RE AGENDA ITEM 5, THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE
US STATEMENT MADE AFTER ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ON
ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE:

"MR. PRESIDENT,

MY GOVERNMENT IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS FACED BY MOZAMBIQUE AS A RESULT OF APPLYING UN
SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, AND WE HAVE INDEED PROVIDED
SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE IN FULFILLMENT OF OUR PLEDGE.
MY DELEGATION HAS TO EXPLAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THE US
GOVERNMENT IS AT PRESENT UNDER CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE
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CONSTRAINTS, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE TEMPORARY. FOR THAT
REASON, MR. PRESIDENT, WE MUST STATE THAT WE CANNOT NOW
CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION THAT ARE
DIRECTED TO STATES TO REPRESENT A COMMITMENT ON THE PART
OF THE US GOVERNMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THE IMPROVEMENT

IN THE LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH 8, AS IT IS MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT THE CRITERIA AND THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO LEAST DEVELOPED STATUS, SHOULD BE RESPECTED. WE BELIEVE THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION CAN BE GIVEN TO MOZAMBIQUE'S PRESENT PROBLEMS WITHOUT RELATION TO THAT STATUS."

3. RE AGENDA ITEM 7, THE FRG'S CONCERN OVER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MIGRATORY LABOR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA RELATED PARTICULARLY TO OPERATIVE PARA 1 OF THE PROPOSED GA RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ANNEXED CHARTER OF RIGHTS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA(LUSAKA). WITHOUT HAVING HAD TIME TO STUDY THE QUESTION IN ANY DEPTH, THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF BLANKET ENDORSEMENT OF ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER, INCLUDING POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT LABOR ELSEWHERE. WE GATHER THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EC-9 HAD SIMILAR MISGIVINGS. WE TOLD THE FRG WE WERE QUITE AGREEABLE TO THEIR MOVE TO HAVE THE DRAFT REFERRED TO THE GA WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

4. MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION FURTHER PREPARATORY TO CONSIDERATION BY THE GA.

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